

English

(An Alien Hand) (Chapter – 2) (Bringing Up Kari) (Class – 7)

Exercises

Answer the following questions.

Question 1:

The enclosure in which Kari lived had a thatched roof that lay on thick tree stumps. Examine the illustration of Kari's pavilion on page 8 and say why it was built that way.

Answer 1:

Kari lived in a pavilion, under a thatched roof which rested on thick tree stumps so that it could not fall in when Kari bumped against the poles as he moved about.

Question 2:

Did Kari enjoy his morning bath in the river? Give a reason for your answer.

Answer 2:

Kari enjoyed his morning bath in the river as he would lay down on the sand bank. His friend would then rub his back with clean sand. Kari used to lay in the river water for a long time. He squealed with pleasure when water was rubbed down his back.

Question 3:

Finding good twigs for Kari took a long time. Why?

Answer 3:

Finding twigs and saplings for Kari was not an easy job. His friend had to climb all kinds of trees to get the most delicate and tender twigs. Kari was very fond of the young branches of the banyan tree which grows like a cathedral of leaves and branches. One has to have a very sharp hatchet to cut down these twigs; it took half an hour to sharpen the hatchet because if a twig is mutilated an elephant will not touch it.

Question 4:

Why did Kari push his friend into the stream?

Answer 4:

Kari pushed his friend into the stream because a boy was lying flat on the bottom of the river. Kari wanted his friend to save the life of that boy, so he pushed his friend into the stream.

Question 5:

Kari was like a baby. What are the main points of comparison?

Answer 5:

Kari was like a baby. He had to be trained to be good and if you did not tell him when he was naughty, he was up to more mischief than ever.

Question 6:

Kari helped himself to all the bananas in the house without anyone noticing it. How did he do it?

Answer 6:

Kari stole the bananas from the table near the window in the dining room. He put his trunk through the window like a snake and disappeared with all the bananas without anyone noticing it.

Question 7:

Kari learnt the commands to sit and to walk. What were the instructions for each command?

Answer 7:

His friend used to say him 'Dhat' and pull him by the ear, he will gradually learn to sit down and when he pulled his trunk forward and said 'Mali', Kari walked.

Question 8:

What is "the master call"? Why is it the most important signal for an elephant to learn?

Answer 8:

The master call is a strange hissing, howling sound, as if a snake and a tiger were fighting each other. It is an important signal for an elephant because whenever the master was in trouble, one master call would bring the elephant near him and help him out of danger.